

Amendments to Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10 Line 23 with the following paragraph:

In the present invention, the network 100 also includes components for implementing voice over a packet switched telephone network (PSTN) 120 or voice over Internet (VOIP) applications so that, for example, a user at telephone 102 may communicate with a user of telephone 118. Each of these users may also communicate with other users on the PSTN 120. As shown, the network 100 includes call management server (CMS) 124 for routing and placing calls or voice data over the Internet. The CMS 124 may also be configured to authorize calls. In conventional cable network systems, the CMS 124 implements the NCS protocol.